

Amendment No. 2 to SB1852

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by adding the following new sections to the bill immediately preceding the effective date section and by renumbering the existing section accordingly:

SECTION ____.

- (a) There is created the elder abuse task force.
- (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
 - (1) One (1) member of the senate appointed by the speaker of the senate;
 - (2) One (1) member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
 - (3) The executive director of the Tennessee commission on aging and disability or the director's designee;
 - (4) The commissioner of human services or the commissioner's designee with knowledge of the responsibilities of the adult protective services program;
 - (5) The commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;
 - (6) The commissioner of financial institutions or the commissioner's designee;
 - (7) The commissioner of commerce and insurance or the commissioner's designee;
 - (8) A district attorney general selected by the district attorneys general conference; and

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(9) The director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation or the director's designee.

(c)

(1) The task force shall:

(A) Assess the current status of elders and other vulnerable adults covered by the Tennessee Adult Protection Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 6, Part 1;

(B) Examine the existing barriers, services and resources addressing the needs of these elder persons and vulnerable adults; and

(C) Develop recommendations to address problems associated with the abuse of these elder persons and vulnerable adults.

(2) The task force shall include an examination of the following in its assessment and recommendations:

(A) A determination of the economic and human impact of the abuse of elder persons and vulnerable adults in Tennessee;

(B) A review of the remedies to reduce the number of individuals suffering such abuse;

(C) Legislative remedies for consideration in the 109th general assembly; and

(D) Needed state policies or responses, including directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and support to protect and assist such persons.

(d)

(1) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending meetings from their respective appointing agency according to the policies of the agency for expense reimbursement.

(2) Each legislative member of the task force shall be entitled to expenses in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106, for each day the legislative member attends a meeting of the task force; provided, that no member shall receive additional legislative compensation when the general assembly is in session or if a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates for attendance on other state business.

(3) All legislative members of the task force shall remain members of the task force until the task force reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly and shall be paid as members of the general assembly for attending meetings in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-1-106.

(e) The selection of members of the task force shall strive to be inclusive and to reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban and rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(f) The member of the general assembly with the most seniority in the general assembly shall call the first meeting of the task force at which time the members shall elect a chair and vice-chair.

(g) The department of human services shall provide necessary administrative support for the task force. The chair of the task force may call on appropriate state agencies for reasonable assistance in the work of the task force.

(h) The task force shall hold public meetings and utilize technological means, such as webcasts, to gather feedback on the recommendations from the general public and from persons and families affected by poverty.

(i) The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly in the form of a state plan to combat the abuse of elder persons and other vulnerable adults no later than January 15, 2015, at which time the task force shall terminate and stand dissolved and discharged from any further duties.

SECTION _____. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.